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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

MINORITY OF ONE

Our policy towards Cuba has had me confused for some time.

First, we were friendly with a corrupt dictator named Batista.

When we learned that the man who overthrew him was a Communist, we backed an invasion attempt which nearly everyone now admits was a goof.

Last week, we made a big thing out of kicking the bearded dictator out of the inter-American club, the Organization of American States.

Maybe it doesn't matter that some pretty undemocratic governments sided with the U.S.

But what are we accomplishing? This isn't much different from keeping China out of the United Nations while the Soviet Union remains in.

I'd rather see these countries inside the forums of mankind, where we can talk to them and learn what they're thinking and what they're up to.

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WHO GETS THERE FIRST?

Perhaps I'm a little thick-headed about all this business of shooting a man into orbit, too.

Aside from the fact that the Russians have already done it twice, it's a pretty expensive way of providing television entertainment for our kids.

Couldn't we put the money to better use improving schools, colleges, housing, health, highways and recreational facilities?

They say it's another step toward putting an American on the moon, or Mars.

What difference does it make whether the first man on the moon is an American, a Russian, a Chinaman or an Israelite?

If we pooled efforts with the Soviet Union alone, our cost would be cut in half, and we could spend the extra amount fixing up our own back yard.

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MEANWHILE, BACK AT HOME

In Congress, of course, we have a large group who will spend money at the drop of a hat if it's for military or space projects.

But they won't vote for better housing, transportation, schools or health.

They use the excuse that it's a racial issue when the President wants to appoint a cabinet officer to tackle urban blight and other problems of metropolitan areas.

They use the excuse that it's a religious issue when we want to improve schools throughout the nation.

And they've a blind spot which keeps them from seeing that health is a national concern.

Are our national values getting mixed up, or are mine?

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.



HELEN E. NELSON

Labor Council will co-sponsor area consumer session

The Central Labor Council voted Monday night to co-sponsor one of a series of regional conferences being held throughout the state on consumer problems.

The conferences are being arranged by Helen E. Nelson, consumer counsel to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, and specialists in consumer fields. The one in this area will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 17 at the Richmond Municipal Auditorium.

Co-sponsoring the conference with the Central Labor Council will be the Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley. A \$2 registration fee will include a lunch.

In Mrs. Nelson's previous conferences, held in Southern California, audience questions have been encouraged and have served as guides to topics discussed.

Subjects which have been discussed at past conferences by experts in their fields have included: deceptive packaging, meat grading, weights and measures, referral sales, trading stamps and consumer legislation.

Local 9490 wins CLC strike OK

The Central Labor Council voted strike sanction Monday night to Communications Workers 9490 in its role in a 44-state dispute with Western Electric Co.

Local 9490 President Joe Hightower said Tuesday that nationwide negotiations on a new contract for telephone office and PBX installers were stalemated. But no strike date had been set as of Monday.

Western Electric proposes raises of 5-10 cents an hour. Hightower said installers now earn from \$1.60 at the start up to \$2.70 after 5½ years. Merit raises, up to \$3.32½, were given out very sparingly, Hightower said.

Local 9490 represents more than 1,000 installers in Northern California and Nevada.

State BTC to seek wage code, licensing changes

Steadman hit for reading letter on TV

When Kenneth Steadman read his resignation from the Central Labor Council Executive Committee to the television audience at last week's Bay Region School of Anti-Communism, he was taking part in a "big lie" propaganda device.

This is the opinion of Joseph Angelo, sub-district director of Steadman's union, the United Steelworkers of America (AFL-CIO), as voiced at Monday night's CLC meeting.

Angelo said Steadman:

- Is not an officer of the Steelworkers as was advertised by the Schwarz "school."

- Was not forced to resign from the CLC Executive Committee, as he indicated on TV.

- Was "completely out of order" in using his Steelworkers' connections to help promote the so-called school and in reading his letter of resignation from the CLC Executive Committee on TV.

- Contributed to the efforts of right-wingers who falsely try to link labor with Communists by implying he was kicked out for joining a so-called anti-Communism group.

ASH REPORTS

CLC Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash said he felt the Alameda County labor movement's objections to the Schwarz approach to fighting communism played a big part in the so-called school's failure from an attendance standpoint.

Ash indicated that attendance figures published in some newspapers were inflated. But he said those in the San Leandro Morning News were closest to the actual turnout.

Except for the response to Dr. Schwarz' pitch for funds at the final banquet, the so-called school would have been a financial failure, too, Ash declared.

Ash said the school paid full Civic Auditorium rental.

Stationary Engineers 39 wins hospital contracts

Stationary Engineers 39 won two pay increases totalling 33 cents an hour from the Associated Hospitals of the East Bay in negotiations which have just ended.

Other gains included improved disability, sick leave and unemployment compensation coverage.

Local 39 has also reached agreement with Kaiser Foundation hospitals in this area.

BTC pickets five projects in county

The State Building Trades Council will discuss prevailing wage codes and the state contractor licensing law at a convention July 24-27 in San Francisco.

In reporting on plans for the convention, J. L. Childers, Alameda County Building Trades Council business representative, told local BTC delegates Tuesday night that resolutions on these two subjects would be submitted by the state body.

However, Childers said, local unions are also being urged to make their ideas known on these and other subjects.

WAGE CODES

Childers said confusion prevails at present among various prevailing wage codes in the state, especially in the Central Valley and Southern California areas. This has resulted in a rash of court cases.

The State BTC, Childers said, plans to ask the State Legislature to pass a single law covering all prevailing wage codes in the state, if the convention approves.

Several changes in the contractor licensing law are to be suggested, according to Childers.

BTC PICKETS

Childers reported that BTC pickets had been posted at the following jobs:

- The Pope Realty Co. project at 101st avenue and East 14th street, where non-union men have been working.
- A job at 1449 80th Ave. in

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MUSGROVE, STEELWORKERS 4468, WINS CLC POST

Floyd A. Musgrove of Steelworkers 4468 was elected to the Central Labor Council Executive Committee Monday night.

He defeated Clifford Sanders of East Bay Municipal Employees 390 by a vote of 81 to 57 for the vacancy created by the resignation of Kenneth Steadman of Steelworkers 3367.

There were 139 ballots cast. One ballot was declared void by the Election Committee.

Crown sets record straight on budget

Republicans in Sacramento tried their level best this week to make a political football out of Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown's proposed 1962-63 state budget.

But Assemblyman Robert W. Crown of Alameda set things straight. Crown, as chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, will introduce the budget.

Crown said this is Governor Brown's "fourth consecutive balanced budget and the fourth requiring no new taxes."

Crown added:

"I feel that Governor Brown once again has demonstrated in his proposed budget his sincere desire to meet the mounting needs of the fastest growing state in the nation on a sound fiscal basis."

The Alameda assemblyman blasted "irresponsible criticism from narrow partisan sources."

Union pickets Waring, county auditor, in dues checkoff fight

East Bay Municipal Employees 390 conducted "informational" picketing last Friday in front of the Alameda County Court House against County Auditor Eugene Waring.

Local 390 contends that Waring discriminated against it by requiring union representatives to contact all members and have them re-sign checkoff cards following a recent \$1-per-month dues increase voted by the membership.

The Alameda County Employees Association, which also raised its dues, was not required to do this, according to Clifford Sanders, union business manager.

CHANGES HIS MIND

After the union had signed up all except 40 members, Waring changed his opinion. He said he did so after checking with the district attorney's office. Waring proposed to raise all dues

deductions, regardless of whether new cards had been signed.

Sanders declined this offer, he said, after being told it would be illegal by the union's attorney.

As a result, January paychecks of about 25 union members had no dues deducted at all. These were checks of persons who had not signed new checkoff cards as of the payroll cutoff date.

Sanders said these dues would have to be collected individually by union representatives.

COPE meeting

The Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the Labor Temple, according to Robert S. Ash, secretary-treasurer. The COPE Executive Board will meet at 7:30.

HOW TO BUY

Good savings 'buys'

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Interest rates paid to savers have risen again as the nation's banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions compete for your deposits.

It pays even small savers to give attention to interest rates paid by various institutions. It's quite common to meet families who shop with the greatest care for family needs but have no idea what interest they get on their savings.

One skilled worker we recently met stored his savings in a bank downtown paying 3 per cent when the credit union right at his plant was paying a husky 5 per cent.

Another matter of concern is the habit of buying government savings bonds on the payroll deduction plan, accumulating a few, and then cashing them in. This way, the bonds never get a chance to earn any interest. It's important to:

- Shop for the best interest rate consistent with safety, and
- Use the right type of account for different kinds of savings — short range and long range.

As a result of the recent rate rise, many banks now pay 3½ per cent plus a bonus of one-half of one per cent on deposits left in the bank a year or more. This rate puts the banks within closer distance of the savings and loan associations.

For some time most savings and loan associations have been paying 4-4½ per cent. Most recently some of the associations — especially those on the West Coast — have edged up to 4.6 per cent.

Some associations which don't have their deposits insured by a Federal agency, but by private insurers, pay as much as 5 per cent (but of course need to be evaluated with extra care).

CREDIT UNIONS still generally are at the top of the list. Most credit unions pay 4 to 5 per cent. Many also provide deposit life insurance, which is worth an additional one-half of 1 per cent to young families and even more to middle-aged and older people.

The Treasury Department says it has no plans to raise the present 3 and ¾ per cent rate on E bonds to meet the increase in bank rates. But E bonds have their own advantages for long range savings.

In general, this department

recommends using savings accounts for short-range funds — those you expect to draw on in less than two years. There is no use buying E bonds for temporary savings because you merely will be trading cash back and forth with Uncle Sam, and neither of you will gain.

E bonds earn no interest at all the first six months, and less than 2 per cent the second six. Not until the third year do they earn over 3 per cent.

The ideal use of E bonds is for retirement purposes or as a backlog against unemployment. Since you can postpone the tax liability until you actually cash the bonds, this way you probably would avoid any income tax at all one the increase in value, since you would be cashing them at a time of reduced income.

Another advantage of E bonds is that the interest rate is guaranteed for the next seven years and nine months. Conceivably banks and savings associations could cut their rates back to the previous lower levels in a time of recession.

When you approach retirement, you can exchange E bonds, both matured and unmatured, for government H bonds and thus defer paying income tax on the E bond increase in value for ten years more, or until you cash in the H bonds. Thus, moderate income retired couples could very likely escape tax liability completely on their original E bond purchases.

GOVERNMENT H bonds earn the same 3 and ¾ per cent as E bonds, but the interest is paid by check every six months instead of accumulating until you cash in the bond. This is useful arrangement for people who want the interest as a regular income, as in retirement.

Government savings bonds can be bought on the payroll deduction plan or at a bank and can be cashed in either at a bank or the nearest Federal Reserve office. In case of death, cashing bonds is simpler if you name a co-owner. A beneficiary named on the bond can cash it but must present a death certificate.

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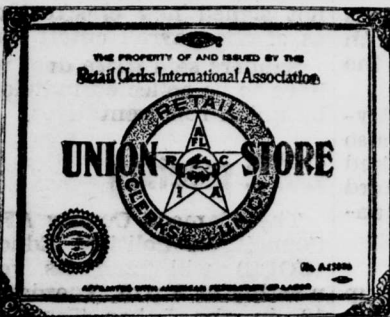
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Stop price fixing, U.S. tells G.E.

The U.S. Justice Department has asked for a federal court injunction against any form of price fixing by General Electric Co.

Last February's case, in the same Philadelphia court, involved only heavy electrical equipment. It resulted in fines against 29 companies including G.E.

The government's latest request, filed Dec. 22, covers everything G.E. manufactures, from light bulbs to missile components. But it does not name any other companies.

The U.S. complaint called attention to G.E.'s "proclivity for persistent and frequent involvement in anti-trust violations." It said there have been 29 anti-trust convictions against G.E.

In last February's case, three of the seven executives sent to prison were G.E. officials, and \$437,550 of the \$1,900,000 in fines levied were against G.E.

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AFLCIO backs Kefauver bill

The AFLCIO and the Association of California Consumers are backing U. S. Senate Bill 1552—Senator Estes Kefauver's remedy for curing prescription drug industry abuses.

Andrew J. Biemiller, AFLCIO legislative director, told the Senate Anti-Trust Subcommittee that the consumer is in a "uniquely helpless position" because his choice of a drug is narrowed to what the doctor prescribes.

The consumer cannot shop for the best buy, Biemiller pointed out. He also cited the big difference between U. S. drug prices and those in Europe.

The Kefauver bill calls for:

- Ending exclusive monopolies after three years while permitting patent holders to have royalty rights for 14 years.

- Requiring manufacturers to put generic names on drugs that are "genuinely descriptive and reasonably simple."

- Giving power to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to settle any dispute about drug names.

- Cracking down on "costly and misleading" drug advertising and warning on side effects of drugs.

KRON-TV will expose quackery

Modern day medical quackery will be the subject of KRON-TV's Assignment Four at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Guests on the program will include two officials of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

KRON-TV says: "Medical Quackery is a big field. It includes harmless materials peddled by half-informed and many sincere crackpot cultists, misleading and nearly legal swindles, operated by small-time cheats, and outright fakes that deal out pain, disfigurement and death but which also create cold-blooded quack millionaires."

Several fake cures will be shown and described on the program.

Vegas 'beauty doctor' arrested

Do you have lines, wrinkles, bags, scars or blemishes on your face?

Want to look younger and more beautiful?

Mrs. Cora Galenti Smith offered everyone a cure for these problems, until the U.S. Post Office Department arrested her in Las Vegas this month.

Mrs. Smith was indicted on mail fraud charges in connection with the "Galenti face treatment" for which persons as far away as South Africa and Australia paid up to \$3,000.

The treatment? A powerful solution of carbolic acid.

Postal inspectors said 17 persons suffered disfigurement after taking it. They also said Mrs. Smith had been convicted twice in California on charges of practicing medicine without a license.

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THE PG&E found itself in a unique position this week.

It is a monopolistic champion of private enterprise, on the one hand, trying to fight off the threat of publicly-distributed electricity throughout much of California.

On the other, it is suing 28 of the biggest corporations in the United States because they violated the federal anti-trust laws which were passed many years ago to protect us against monopolies.

PART OF this unlikely story can be found between the lines of an article in "PG&E Progress," the propaganda publication we receive—and, hence, pay for—every month with our gas and electricity bills.

An article entitled "4 Utilities Sign Statewide Power Pool Pact" describes the tremendous strides private enterprise is supposedly making to permit transmission of surplus Northwest power to California industrial areas in the summer—and vice versa.

Actually, PG&E is scared stiff that Interior Secretary Udall's plan for a far bigger federal power intertie will bring cheap, publicly-distributed electricity to many California communities.

A mammoth federal power trunk line up and down the Central Valley would permit cities and public districts to attach feeder lines.

Areas now stuck with the choice of PG&E or nothing could force the private utility to lower its rates, or they would buy federal power.

MEANWHILE, on the private enterprise front, PG&E and at least four other big West Coast utilities are suing electrical manufacturers involved in last year's big anti-trust case.

These include G.E., Westinghouse, Allis-Chalmers, Cutler-Hammer and others less well known.

The gist of their suit — like others being filed by many cities and public bodies, including Alameda and San Francisco — is that the electric companies bilked buyers when they rigged prices.

Therefore, under law, those cheated can collect up to triple the amount of any overcharge they can prove.

This is where PG&E is getting into the act, benefitting from the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, which, incidentally, was passed in 1890—while a Republican was in the White House.

Exercise

Running the rounds these days is the observation that the only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down friends, running up bills, sidestepping responsibility and pushing their luck. — United Mine Workers Journal.

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Four congressmen hit 'crusades of suspicion' in U.S.

Four congressmen from the Bay Area have issued a statement expressing their concern with the "increasing public exposure of citizens in Northern California and throughout our land to extremists of all kinds, and particularly to those who are self-appointed defenders of our heritage."

The statement, signed by Representatives Jeffery Cohelan, Clem Miller, George P. Miller and John F. Shelley, adds:

"The current wave of fanaticism, leading to charge and counter charge can well obscure the real battle to protect our American way of life from the dangers of communist tyranny at home and abroad."

"In view of this situation we feel that positions taken on this subject by President John F. Kennedy, former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, as well as Governor Brown and Attorney General Mosk should be wholeheartedly endorsed."

"Furthermore, we feel that no finer indictment of the current trend could be enunciated than the words of President Kennedy, who said: 'Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence in one another, rather than crusades of suspicion. Let us prove we think our country great, by striving to make it greater. And, above all, let us remember, however serious the outlook, however harsh the task, the one great irreversible trend in the history of the world is on the side of liberty—and we, for all time to come, are on the same side.'"

Calif unions grew in 10 years but not as fast as work force

Unions in California grew by 400,000 members in the 10 years between 1950 and 1960, according to John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations.

"Despite the rapid growth of California unions, membership did not keep pace with the rise in employment," Henning said, however.

"As a result," he added, "the proportion of the state's non-farm work force that is unionized dropped from 43 per cent in 1950 to 36 per cent in 1960."

Nationally, about 32 per cent of non-agricultural wage and salary earners belonged to unions in 1960, according to Henning.

Henning made his statements in commenting on a report recently released by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research.

30 PER CENT GROWTH

The report said union membership in the state rose from 1,355,000 in 1950 to 1,756,000 in 1960, an increase of 30 per cent.

The rate of growth in union membership levelled off after the middle of the decade. It averaged 3.6 per cent early in the first half, but dropped to 1.6 per cent in the second half.

Of the 400,000 added members, 130,000 are employed in manufacturing, 92,000 in construction, 88,000 in wholesale and retail trade, and 32,000 in federal, state, and local government. An estimated 76,000 of the added members are women. Throughout the decade, women members have comprised about a fifth of the total.

MANUFACTURING PEAK '57

While the total of 1,756,000



JOHN F. HENNING

union members in July 1960 was the highest ever recorded for California, Henning pointed out that membership in manufacturing industries reached a peak in 1957. The drop thereafter reflected sharp declines in aircraft manufacturing and other metals and machinery industries.

In two manufacturing industries—printing and publishing and paper and allied products—membership increased steadily throughout the decade.

Membership in most non-manufacturing industries attained a record high in July, 1960. Greatest non-manufacturing gains during the decade were reported in wholesale and retail trade, government, and construction.

Unions return at radio station KKHI

The National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (AFLCIO) has ended its 112-day dispute with San Francisco radio station KKHI.

Effective Monday, Feb. 5, all NABET engineers returned to work, as well as two members of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFLCIO) who had honored NABET's informational picket line.

The NABET settlement is essentially the same as the agreement before the station was sold to Frank Atlass earlier this year. Main differences are a pay raise and the fact that AFTRA now has jurisdiction over announcers.

Engineers will receive \$180 per week during the first year of a two-year contract and \$190 during the agreement's second year. Health and welfare coverage will continue.

The station changed hands last summer while NABET was negotiating with the former owners. Atlass refused to rehire union personnel.

NILE to present U.C. course again

The National Institute of Labor Education will sponsor another residential study institute for union representatives at the University of California this summer.

The institute will be held June 18 to Aug. 24. Similar sessions will be held at Cornell University and the University of Michigan at the same time.

The emphasis is on economic and social problems and developments within labor.

Participants must be sponsored by their local or international unions or other union bodies. Those who apply are expected to return to responsible positions within the labor movement.

The NILE committee will choose a maximum of 20 students for each of the three universities. Tuition is free, and NILE will provide \$4 a day. Other costs must be borne by the individual or his union.

Closing date for applications is March 31. Application forms may be obtained from NILE, Room 310, 1730 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

A MATTER OF

PRINCIPLE

The consumer boycott against Sears, Roebuck and Company is a direct application of the highest trade union principles. Its basis is very simple: A corporation dedicated to anti-union practices does not deserve the patronage of union members.

Whether the store is one of those actually picketed at the time, the consumer boycott places an "invisible picket line" around each one of the company's retail and mail order outlets.

The continuing success of the consumer boycott depends upon whether individual union members and sympathetic friends are true to their principles.

Many inspiring letters of support for the objectives of the battle to secure a "bill of rights" for employees of the corporate giant have been received over the months. A recent one from Philadelphia points out the importance of each of us as individuals:

"Perhaps you could emphasize that no one is too small to help, as I feel that even a person as small as myself has succeeded in frustrating sales possibly amounting to over \$1,200, ranging from kitchen cabinets, hi-fi sets, down to work clothes."

A letter from East St. Louis states, "You have my whole support in this matter. My insurance with Sears' Allstate is due next month. I am not going to renew it until Sears' attitude toward labor is changed."

A housewife from Arlington, Virginia has sent us a carbon of a letter written to the chairman of the board of Sears saying she had just moved into a new house and needed a number of appliances, but that she refused to buy them at Sears because, "Unfortunately, I am unable to patronize a company which resorts to unethical practices in order to influence the organization of their employees. Although we are not union mem-

by James A. Suffridge

President, Retail Clerks International Association, AFL-CIO

bers ourselves, we defend the right of free choice on the part of the Sears Roebuck employees."

A member of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union says, "I haven't bought anything at Sears since the boycott began, and I have talked about ten of my friends out of shopping there."

Unfortunately, on the other hand, there may be a number of persons of good will who are aiding the cause of anti-unionism by default, by making purchases at Sears for one reason or another.

No matter how casual or sporadic, shopping at Sears is a denial of trade union ideals and an expression of disloyalty to fellow union members.

The consumer boycott against Sears, Roebuck and Company has the active endorsement of the AFL-CIO and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Its goal is acceptance by Sears of the principles of fair play towards its employees.

The consumer boycott will continue until:

1. Sears agrees to recognize the right of its employees to join or not to join a labor union, without interference, restraint, discrimination, or coercion by the company.
 2. And until Sears agrees to bargain in good faith where the union has won the right to represent its employees. This must include no less than the form of union security provisions found in Retail Clerk agreements with Montgomery Ward, Sears' largest competitor.
- The Consumer Boycott Committee asks the support of every union member, his or her family and friends until the goal is achieved.



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Scholarship contest offered by California Labor Federation

The California Labor Federation (AFLCIO) has sent announcements of its 12th annual scholarship competition for graduating seniors to 800 high schools throughout the state.

Seven \$500 scholarships will be awarded to colleges chosen by the winners.

Four of the seven scholarships are being made available by affiliates of the federation: the Los Angeles Building Trades Council, the Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters, the Los Angeles District Council of Painters and the California Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

WIDE PARTICIPATION URGED

The same contest rules will cover all entries.

Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the labor federation, urged high school principals and officials to "call the contest to the attention of graduating seniors by giving it prominence on student bulletin boards and/or publicizing it through established channels for scholarship announcements."

The contest announcement is also being sent to all state AFL-CIO affiliates, who are being asked to encourage the widest participation possible from union families.

Applications must be submitted through schools but are also available from the California Labor Federation office, 995 Market St., San Francisco.

DEADLINE APRIL 16

The contest is open to all high school students. Deadline for return of application forms is April 16.

Selection of winners will be based on a competitive examination to be held in participating high schools May 18, with due consideration given to the participants' scholastic records and college qualifications.

Independent judges will include Frederick A. Brier, associate professor of economics, University of San Francisco; Leon Lee, associate professor of industrial relations, San Jose State College, and Benjamin Aaron, director, Institute of Industrial Relations, UCLA.

Sample test questions on labor and collective bargaining, as well as a list of suggested readings, are contained in the announcement brochure.

In addition to the \$500 awards, winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the 1962 California Labor Federation convention in Long Beach in August.

Francis of Local 823 running for S.L. mayor

Louis A. (Luigi) Francis, a member of Hayward Culinary and Bartenders 823, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of mayor of San Leandro.

Francis, who resides and manages a cocktail lounge in San Leandro, is a veteran of five years in the Navy, with 44 months of overseas duty. He filed his nomination papers Jan. 29.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

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The Post Office Department has doubled its charge for returning undeliverable copies of the East Bay Labor Journal. The revised regulation covers all second, third and fourth class matter and became effective last month.

In the case of the East Bay Labor Journal this item of expense is now running twice what it was previously.

Readers can help cut down this cost by prompt notification of changes in address on blanks obtainable from local post offices and carriers or the "I Am Moving" form elsewhere in this newspaper.

Thank you.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

With much to convey and limited expression, our frustrations induce occasional transgression. Which only means, if you disagree with what we say, that's okay. We hope you read it. Some of you need it.

Some members rally to our support whenever difficulties arise. Others, are members only because 1304 has jurisdiction over their employment. These are the target of Right-to-Workers. The fertile fools for management's seeds of propaganda.

It's Valentine's Day next week. Don't forget your lovely lady. If you thought she was such a doll when you persuaded her to marry you, then why not give her a little gift for putting up with you.

It's Lincoln's Birthday, too. My favorite American. He once said, "Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration." Would that be radical left? He also said, "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

That's what we've been trying to say. Come to our meetings and help run our union.

Barbers 134

By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

Attention, all members of Barbers Union, Local 134:

A meeting will be held at Fairway Shopping Center, Jess' Gallegus Barber Shop, 31073 Mission Blvd., Hayward, on this Friday, February 9, 1962, at 8 p.m. All our members are urged to attend this year's Hayward Area Neighborhood meeting for the purpose of planning on matters pertaining to future progress and ways in organizing. Please make an effort to be present.

We have received from the State Barber Board the petitions on minimum prices for our services. All journeymen barbers are to sign this petition in order that the board may grant us a higher minimum than we have at present. It will take better than 622 signatures, since it is

required that 51 per cent of all barbers in Alameda County sign same.

We are requesting to have as many members as we can to help us with these petitions. Please call us if you can help so we can send you the forms, and as soon as they are filled bring them, or send them, back to our office. This is a matter of great importance to all barbers, and I am placing a lot of trust in each of you to do this job. All barbers have a duty to their community, and especially to their family, being the bread earner, to shoulder their responsibility, to help maintain and advance the standard of living in our great country.

Please take note! Due to Washington's Birthday falling on our regular meeting night, our regular meeting will be held one week sooner, February 15, 1962, Thursday, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland, Calif.

Steamfitters 342 Credit U.

By J. W. ORR

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Mosk to address State Carpenters' meeting next week

State Attorney General Stanley Mosk will be the principal guest speaker at the 34th annual convention of the State Council of Carpenters in San Mateo next Tuesday through Friday.

The convention will be preceded on Monday by the annual meeting of the State Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Biennial election of president, vice-president and secretary-



ATTORNEY GENERAL MOSK

treasurer will be held on the closing day of the convention.

Gordon A. McCulloch, executive secretary of the state council, has announced the following other speakers:

John F. Henning, director, State Department of Industrial Relations; Alan Cranston, state controller; Bert Betts, state treasurer; Helen Ewing Nelson, consumer counsel to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown; Bryan P. Deavers, president, State Building and Construction Trades Council; Phillip Burton, assemblyman, 20th District; Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer, California Labor Federation and Early Ruddy of the Federal Mediation Service.

BIGGEST IN U.S.

More than 350 delegates representing over 100,000 members of various Carpenters' affiliates are expected to attend. The California Carpenters' Council is the largest in the nation.

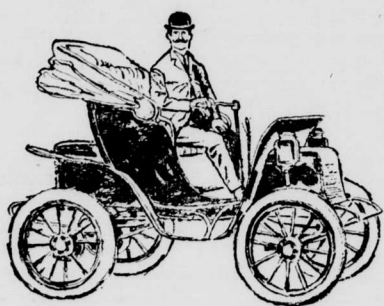
Resolutions scheduled to come before the convention include a proposal to bring the Carpenters' international convention to the West Coast for the first time.

Hosts for the state convention will be delegates from the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, which includes Alameda County.

A meeting of the State Carpenters' Ladies Auxiliary will be held concurrently.

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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our new building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings of Carpenters are held each Friday at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

We sincerely urge that you attend meetings as regularly as possible. You as a member should take part in the deliberation of these meetings and aid to form policies that are good for the labor movement as a whole, and for you as an individual.

Stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and the last Friday of each month is social night for all.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All Carpenters are requested to attend a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m. February 9th, 1962, for the election of delegates to the California Convention of Carpenters, at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif. Delegates nominated were as follows: Gunnar Benonys, James Brooks, John Clapp, Lem Flinigan, Melvin Johnson, Frank Lindahl and Alfred Thoman. Please be in attendance and vote for the delegates of your choice.

Stewards will meet the third Thursday at 8 p.m., February 15, 1962.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., February 28, 1962, at the above address.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Nominations for two delegates to 5th Biennial Conference of District No. 38.

Educational meeting Saturday, Feb. 10th at Pacific Bldg., 610 16th St., 10 a.m. All officers and stewards please attend.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Acting Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

SPECIAL NOTICE

The next membership meeting, to be held February 15, 1962, has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the resolution pertaining to the increase in dues of 50 cents per month, based on the increase in the per capita tax of 50 cents per member per month, to be paid to the General Offices of the United Association, pursuant to convention action of the United Association delegates during the month of August, 1961.

Kindly arrange your affairs so you may be present.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Secty. & Bus. Mgr.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The next regular meeting of the Paint Makers Union, Local 1101, will be at 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 1962, in Hall A of the Oakland Labor Temple.

Come out to the meeting and help manage the affairs of your union.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 20 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

This will be a special called meeting for ship painters to discuss the opening of our contract.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m. and the third at 8 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 20.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

BARBERS 134

Due to Washington's Birthday falling on our regular meeting night, our regular meeting will be held one week sooner, Thursday, Feb. 15, 1962, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

A reminder of our next regular meeting date, Friday, Feb. 16. Nothing of a special order for consideration on that date, but you never can tell but what there may be something to settle under that heading.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

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Regular union meeting Friday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. Hall D. 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD SOTO
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The next regular scheduled meeting of February 9th, 1962, has been designated a Special Call Meeting to vote on proposed changes in our Local Union By-Laws.

Fraternally,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE

Be sure and attend your special called meeting of February 8, 1962. Why?

1. To elect three delegates to the California State Conference of Painters Convention.

2. A new give-away program has started, Local 127 Payola Night. Place: Local 127 Meeting Hall, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Date: February 8, 1962. Come down and see how Payola Night is played and also to vote for three good men to send to the convention.

Besides all this, negotiation time is here again. Why not come down and give the business agent a few suggestions on what you would like to have put into your next agreement. This is the time to do it, not later with a big beef why it was not done.

Note: February 8, 1962, be sure and come down to your local's meeting.

Fraternally,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

COPE, 13TH A. D.

Another big gala whist party Feb. 17, 1962, at 8 p.m. at Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward.

Prizes and refreshments. Donation 50 cents.

Fraternally
R. H. FITZGERALD,
Secretary-Treasurer

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Fraternally,
JOHN GRIGSBY,
Recording Secretary

UAW 1031 will strike unless grievances settled

United Auto Workers 1031 voted last weekend to call a strike in the near future unless the Oakland Chevrolet car and truck plants come to terms on pending grievances.

There will be no strike, however, until further talks are held, the union said.

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Unemployment up in December

Bay Area unemployment rose in December, according to the State Department of Employment's Coastal Area Office.

But, the department said, the totals followed established seasonal patterns and represented marked improvement over last year's totals.

There were 63,500 jobless persons in the six county metropolitan area in December, department statisticians estimated, or 5.1 per cent of the labor force.

A year earlier, there were 68,500, or 5.6 per cent of the

labor force out of work.

Construction was unusually active for December, according to the department. Shipbuilding dropped more than usual.

Job opportunities in early January slackened in manufacturing and trade occupations but picked up in clerical fields.

In general, demand continues for skilled, well-qualified clerical and technical workers with exceptions in some trades. But unskilled workers are suffering from the seasonal slack and made up the bulk of the 5.1 per cent unemployed.

S.F.'s poor cousin makes Time

Oakland is "San Francisco's poor cousin across the bay," according to an article in the Feb. 2 issue of Time magazine.

And it has been going to pot since its new City Hall opened in 1914, according to the illustrated, two-column spread.

The article is actually favorable publicity, although the truth may suffer a little in typical Time fashion.

It's about the \$2 million Ford Foundation grant which is supposed to help Oakland solve its minority group problems.

Time describes all this as "hauling the city back from Skid Row" and lists the heroes of the battle as Mayor John C. Houlihan, City Manager Wayne Thompson, and Evelio Grillo, a Thompson aide who helped Oakland snag the Ford grant.

An interesting Time touch is the emphasis that Houlihan is a Republican, and that he was bucked by the Oakland Tribune

until his mayoralty campaign last year.

No mention of the fact that Houlihan was supported by labor's COPE, or that labor has some reservations about the \$2 million program.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Eight cities in Alameda County will have elections April 10. The last day to register to vote in these elections is Feb. 15.

Cities are: Albany, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton and San Leandro. Piedmont has an election Feb. 27.

Last day to register for the June 5 primary election is April 12. County Clerk Jack G. Blue urges anyone wishing to become a deputy registrar of voters to apply as soon as possible. No training for deputies will be held after April 1.

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Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

Once more I remind you that our next regular meeting will be held in Martinez at the Oil Workers Hall on 1015 Estudillo St., Wednesday, February 21, 1962, 8 p.m.

As the time is close when Local 216 will open its contracts with the employers, some interesting talk should take place at the above meeting. This meeting is not to be confused with the special meeting that will be held in March in Oakland. Each member will receive a letter notifying him of this meeting.

On Wednesday, January 31, we had a special meeting of shop stewards. Approximately 60 were in attendance. The contract was discussed, and a determination on the type of reporting card was made. It was a very interesting meeting, and it is hoped that the steward system is off to a good start.

Tri-State Council Death Benefits Nos. 471 and 472 are now due and payable. Brother John Edward Martinson, No. 95853, a member in good standing of Local 108, Los Angeles, passed away on November 19, 1961, and Brother Francis Elwood Horne, No. 47891, a member in good standing of Local 221, Vallejo, passed away on November 10, 1961.

Hayward Painters 1178

By ROBERT G. MILLER

From the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, San Francisco, an announcement brochure for the 1962 scholarship competition offers seven \$500 awards to competing high school seniors.

Copies of the scholarship announcement have been sent to all public and private high schools in the state together with application forms. Students who enter the contest, under the rules noted in the brochure, must submit their applications through their high school with a transcript of their scholarship record. Students interested are advised to seek their application forms through their high

schools. In case they are unable to obtain an application, we shall appreciate being so advised.

We, in turn, will send your organization the application form so that it will be given to the student in question for completion and return to the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, through the high school. This applies to graduating seniors from labor union families. The application deadline is April 16. Only graduating seniors completing their high school work in February or June are eligible to enter the competition. Scholarship examinations will be held in high schools May 18, 1962. In addition to the \$500 awards, the seven winners will be provided an expense-free trip as guests of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, convention to be held in Long Beach this August. Formal presentation of the awards will be made at that time in a convention ceremony. These awards are as the result of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, tie-in with four other labor organizations.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

For your general information, the per capita tax paid to the General Offices of the United Association, by convention action of the delegates in attendance at the 28th Convention of the United Association, held August 7-10, 1961, in the city of Kansas City, Missouri, was increased from \$1.50 per month per member to \$2 per month per member, or 50 cents. This was necessary to meet the heavy increase of expenses, salaries, etc., pertaining to our International Office's operations.

The financial reports of this union, based on the previous year, 1961, show a slight decrease in the funds of this local union due to the general election of officers of this local union held in December and the delegates expenses in connection with the United Association's National Convention, held in August of 1961. However, as stated above, this 50 cents per member per month increase in per capita tax, effective January

TEACHERS 771 WILL OFFER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Oakland-Alameda County Federation of Teachers 771 is offering its Elizabeth Payton Science Scholarship again.

The competition is open to all seniors in Oakland high schools. Inquiries and applications should be addressed to David Creque, Gail Johnson or Ron Miller, OFT Scholarship Committee, 6158 Thornhill Drive, Oakland 11.

1, 1962, will put this union's treasury in the red something like \$600 per month, or approximately \$7,200 per year.

Therefore, as this is of vital importance to you and your union, please try to attend the meeting of February 15, 1962.

IMPORTANT: If you did not vote in the national election last year, you must re-register for the June 5, 1962, primaries. This is important, as the records reveal that there is a drop of approximately 20 per cent in registrations because voters failed to cast their vote in the last election. Also, due to the increase in population in the State of California, there is anticipated additional candidates in the primary races throughout the state. Registration accommodations are available in the Labor Temple; also check your neighborhood for such, but, most important, register.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Ed Tigges, the jeweler at 5847 Geary St., San Francisco, has decided to place a watchmaker on the premises and, by the time you read this column, a new agreement will have been signed by Mr. Tigges.

A number of years ago we had a union agreement with Mr. Tigges, but he eliminated the hiring of a watchmaker, and he has now found out that it may be to his advantage to have a man on the premises again.

Before the end of this month, we shall notify the employers of San Mateo County as well as our members there, of the 10 cents an hour wage increase due on March 1.

Due to Washington's Birthday holiday falling on the fourth Thursday this month, the regular San Francisco meeting of the local has been postponed for this month.

Attention, Executive Board! This is to notify you that the Executive Board meeting will be held on February 15th this month due to the holiday on the 22nd. For the Executive Board's information, we anticipate two or three new members being initiated at this meeting.

Printing Specialties JDCS

By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

Our members working in the Corrugated Department of Owens-Illinois Glass Co. will soon be offered the choice of voting for the union Health and Welfare and Pension Plan. We realize that to some of our charter members this will be a difficult decision. From our position — viewing the Corrugated Industry — we find that there is one remaining issue preventing the molding of the members in the Corrugated Industry into a solid group, such as our Paper Box members. That issue is the company pension plan versus the union pension plan. We have our union health plan at National, Weyerhaeuser, Container, Western, Industrial and Tharco. We do not have our pension plan in any corrugated plant at this time. They all have company-sponsored plans, or none. Our members move about from one plant to another. They build up retirement credits in one company pension plan after another, only to lose them when they move. If all of our members in the corrugated industry were covered under one union pension plan, as most are in our health plan, they would not lose the retirement credits when they choose to work for another employer. Our members at Owens will be the first bricks in that solid wall we want to build for the corrugated industry, when they vote for the union pension plan. Our members at United States Envelope showed how to do it when they voted for the union pension plan in preference to the company plan. The same for our members at Moore Business Forms.

Ray Geiger is still working up in Woodland with the people that would like to join our union and get a good, respectable contract at Kordite. You should all see the company letter that was sent to the employees' homes. We will have it at all five local union meetings to show the members. You would never recognize your union from this letter.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

The convention of the State Council of Carpenters will be held next week in San Mateo. Millmen hope to get several programs approved, among them being a restriction upon use of the Union Label in low-wage areas and a campaign for a state law to require bidders on work for public buildings to pay the average California wages.

It turns out that our complaint to the Oakland School

Board about laboratory equipment may develop into a dispute. At any rate, we are preparing to appear before the board to present our position on local purchase of school fixtures.

One sneaky thing, calling laboratory fixtures and free-standing cabinets just "furniture" is an excuse to buy from furniture shops where wages are lower. The Brotherhood should draw the line and enforce certain standards for cabinet and fixture manufacture as distinguished from furniture making.

This week, our ad appealing to all home builders in Northern California to purchase kitchen cabinets, counter tops, pre-fit doors and millwork in California, appears in the Pacific Builder. We are doing this to try and offset loss of business, which means loss of jobs, to some out-of-state firms. The San Jose and San Francisco locals plan to repeat the same ad in the following two weeks. The State Council of Carpenters OK'd the use of their name in the appeal and blessed our campaign.

The best meeting of the Six County Negotiating Committee we've had in several years was held last Thursday. John Rebrero did a good job as chairman of the meeting (also the committee), and the delegations from six counties adopted the unified set of demands boiled down by the sub-committee. Actually, the essentials each local requested went into the program. When the letter to employers is drafted outlining the demands for negotiations, it will be published here at the same time.

The Todd Space-Maker Wardrobe Door Co. of San Leandro signed an agreement with 550 on February 1.

Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUGGINS, Treasurer

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Fringe benefit Number One. Just knowing your credit union is waiting to help you makes living better. You'll not only live longer, you'll live happier, being a credit union member.

So join. And start saving. When suddenly you need emergency finance, you find it easy to get a quick loan at the credit union if, but only if, you have been saving regularly, any amount.

Pay a dollar for a life membership. Buy one share, five dollars. Then you are a member. Then save a little out of each full paycheck. Don't you think you should? Add any odd amount, anytime to your shares.

Take it off the top. Don't wait to see if you have some left over. Take out the savings first, before you start spending. Take it out first, and send it in to your credit union.

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AFLCIO tells why Kerr-Mills, private plans 'inadequate'

The Kerr-Mills Act of 1960 is not a substitute for the federal insurance program of health care for older persons which would be provided by the Anderson-King Bill.

But it would make the Kerr-Mills program of voluntary grants for state programs more effective by greatly reducing the number requiring help.

The Anderson-King Bill — to bring health care for the aged under social security — is a logical extension of principles already written into law.

The need for such a program is emphasized by the growing number of health insurance plans for persons over 65 offered by private insurance companies.

But these plans won't solve the problem. The premiums must be too high because a high-risk group is insuring itself. Under social security, higher costs of medical care in old age would be spread out over the individual's working life.

These are some of the points emphasized in one of the AFL-CIO's latest publications, "Health Care With Dignity—An Appeal to Congress."

MEANY TESTIMONY

Containing the full text of AFLCIO President George Meany's statement to the House Ways and Means Committee in support of the Anderson-King Bill, the 19-page pamphlet can be ordered from the Pamphlet Division, AFLCIO Department of Publications, 815 16th St., N. W., Washington 6, D.C.

In a letter received here by the Central Labor Council, the AFLCIO urges the fullest possible distribution to aid the campaign for passage of the Anderson-King Bill.

Single copies are free. From two to 99 copies, the price is 10 cents each. Bulk rate is \$7.50 per 100. Specify Publication No. 125 and make checks payable to William F. Schnitzler, AFLCIO secretary-treasurer.

Rep. Shelley blasts urban affairs foes

Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco has issued a statement describing the basis for opposition to creation of a Federal Department of Urban Affairs as "narrow views and racial bigotry."

Shelley strongly supported President John F. Kennedy's efforts to create a cabinet level post to cope with the problems of major cities, demanding "equal representation for the 70 per cent of Americans who live in our nation's cities."

Opposition to the proposed department, Shelley said, comes from legislators from rural areas and "racial bigots who are aroused by President Kennedy's announced intention of filling the proposed new cabinet post by the appointment of Dr. Robert Weaver, a distinguished administrator who happens to be a Negro."

Library Week

AFLCIO President George Meany has announced that April 8 through 14 is National Library Week.

Its purpose is to stimulate wider use of library services.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Effective Jan. 10, the U. S. Post Office Department increased postage due rates on newspapers by 100 per cent.

Members planning to move should notify their unions and the East Bay Labor Journal, if possible, prior to moving.

This will save you and your union money. And it will save the East Bay Labor Journal time and effort.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a box to be filled out and mailed in by those who are moving.

Unions win 90-day strike against Avis, Gray lines

Four Teamster locals, including Chauffeur's 923, Oakland, have ended their 90-day strike against Avis-U-Drive and Gray Lines, Inc.

The union victory provides for a union shop contract with many improvements in working conditions, a \$3 per day wage increase and increases in fringe benefits totalling \$1.17 per day.

John B. Peterson, recording secretary of Local 265, has expressed the thanks of the strikers to all unionists and unions who supported the strike and states that the companies now merit patronage of union members.

Minority apprenticeship plan will be launched

Articles of organization for a statewide Committee on Equal Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training are scheduled for acceptance by a special committee of the California Conference on Apprenticeship in Los Angeles today (Friday).

The statewide committee will be composed of representatives of labor, management and minority group organizations, as well as the California Apprenticeship Council, California Conference on Apprenticeship and government experts.

The committee will foster and promote equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training programs, regardless of race, creed or color.

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State BTC to push for changes in wage codes, licensing law

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which the plastering contractor is non-union.

• A job on 82nd avenue in which the contractor, William Singleton, has refused to pay about \$1,000 in back wages and penalties.

Childers reported on another job in which a picket was posted because the contractor, the Cadwalader Construction Co., was behind about \$1,000 in payments to the Carpenters' Health and Welfare and Vacation funds. The contractor paid up soon after a picket arrived on the job, Childers said, and the picket was removed.

The BTC also picketed briefly at the Moeller Bros. body and fender repair shop in Hayward, but this picket has been removed, too, Childers reported.

BTC AGREEMENTS

Secretary John Davy reported that the following contractors had signed Building Trades Council agreements: William Singleton, Joseph Monize, Warren D. Burns, Ken Fite, Artisan Construction Co., Pre-Cut Engineering Service Corp., Taylor Glass Co. and Olsen Bros., general builders.

LETTERS RECEIVED

• From C. J. Haggerty, president, AFLCIO Building Trades Department, reporting that the 8th annual National Legislative Conference of the Building Trades Department would be held March 5-8 in Washington, D.C.

• From Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer, California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, stating

that the federation's Executive Council had condemned "vicious raiding" by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union against the Chemical Workers and other AFLCIO unions in the state.

• From Pitts containing information on the federation's annual high school scholarship competition.

A letter was received from the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFLCIO) asking unions and unionists to withdraw their money from the Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Wells Fargo Bank American Trust Co.) because it is a major advertiser on non-union TV station KXTV (Channel 10) in Sacramento.

However, Business Representative Childers said withdrawal is not always feasible. He cited a dispute involving another bank a number of years ago in which a letter writing campaign had proven "just as effective."

Childers also reported on the wage situation for building tradesmen employed by the University of California.

Spring signups to end at Oakland City College

Registration for spring semester evening classes at Laney and Merritt campuses of Oakland City College will close Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Further information may be obtained from either campus from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today (Friday) or 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

4th annual 'Labor and Free Society' seminar to be held

Four years ago, with the assistance of a grant from the Fund for the Republic, the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations presented a three-day seminar on "Labor and the Free Society."

"The seminar was probably the most successful and fruitful venture in which the labor program of the institute has engaged," according to John Hutchinson of Berkeley Federation of Teachers 1078, the institute's coordinator of labor programs.

The fourth in the now-annual series will be held Feb. 23-25 at the Marine Cooks and Stewards Training School in Santa Rosa.

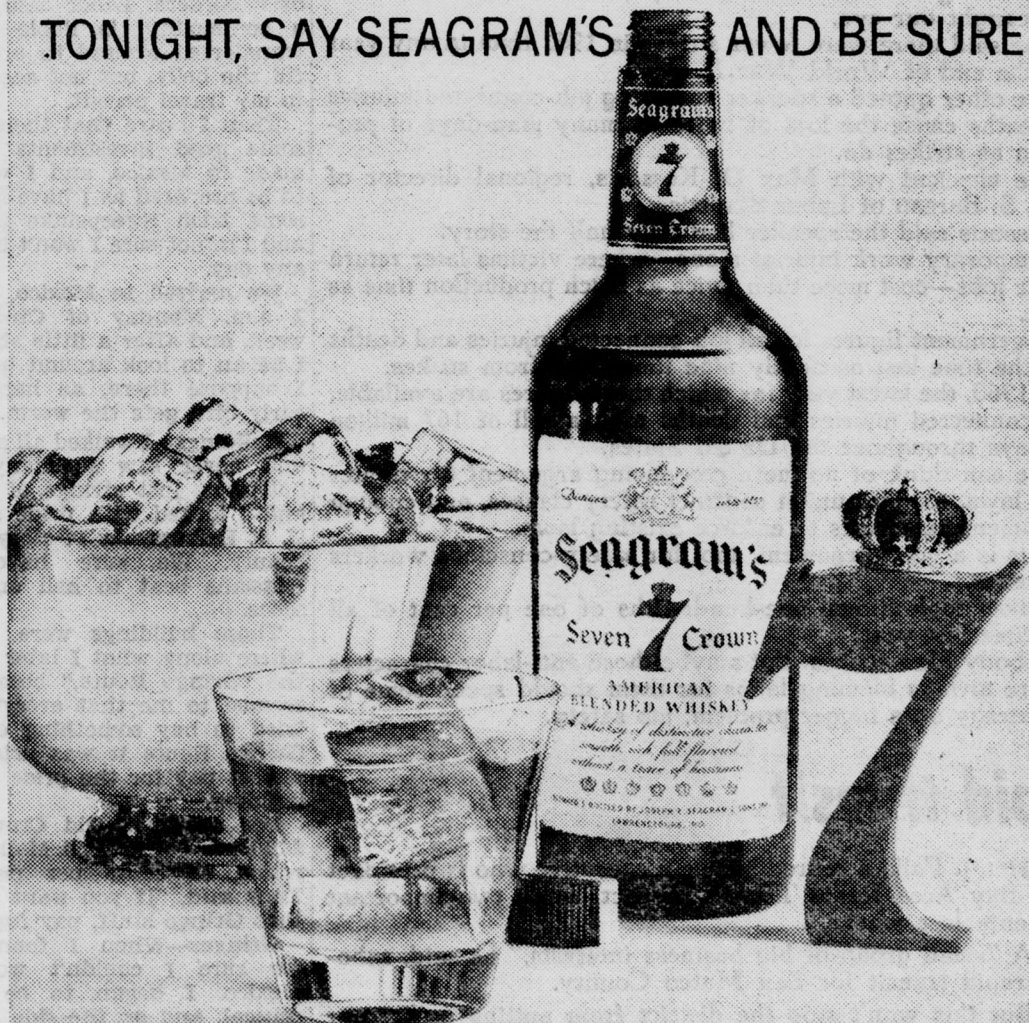
Some 25 leading trade unionists from throughout California will discuss the following topics with leading experts:

DISCUSSION TOPICS

"Labor at the Crossroads," Walter Galenson, U. C. professor; "Unconventional Warfare and Social Change," Janusz K. Zawodny, Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences; "The Hard Way to Peace," Ben Seaver, American Friends Service Committee; "Changes in the American Press," Charles M. Hulten, U.C. professor; "The Changing Face of Crime," Joseph D. Lohman, U.C. criminology dean; "The Frantic Right," Paul Jacobs, Fund for the Republic, and "What Can Labor Do?" Hutchinson.

Further information is available from the U.C. Institute of Industrial Relations. Registration fee is \$30.

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Two million Americans receive a basic right

The more than two million Americans who work for the nation's biggest employer won the right of collective bargaining on Jan. 17, 1962.

Most of us have had it since 1937.

Federal employees were given the basic American right of union contract protection by their boss, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States. President Kennedy issued Executive Order 10988 following hearings throughout the nation by a top level task force headed by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg.

Uncle Sam's employees have had the legal right to join unions since passage of the Lloyd-LaFollette Act in 1912. Since then, the issue of collective bargaining for federal employees has been kicked around like a political football in Congress. Some government departments went ahead on their own and bargained collectively with employee organizations. But others, pointing to the lack of over-all federal policy, refused.

At last week's Central Labor Council meeting, Curtis Ristesund, president of American Federation of Government Employees 1533, reported that President Kennedy's executive order grants exclusive recognition to unions representing a majority of employees in a federal unit and formal or informal recognition to unions with fewer members. It provides for written contracts with exclusively recognized unions and for arbitration of disputes. The right to strike against the government, however, is specifically denied.

Ristesund pointed out that the new executive order isn't everything the unions wanted. But it opens a "new era" in government service, he said.

We regard President Kennedy's act as one of the most important since he took office. It ought to spur federal employee unions to even greater efforts to sign up new members.

Now maybe the Legislature or Governor Brown will do something about collective bargaining rights for California state employees.

9 times worse than strikes

Thumbing through other labor papers the other day, two items caught our eye.

One said there were fewer strikes in 1961 than in any year since the end of World War II.

The other quoted a speaker as saying job-connected injuries and deaths cause the loss of twice as many man-days of production as strikes do.

We checked with Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Kossoris said the speaker had only half the story.

Temporary work injuries alone—where victims later return to their jobs—cost more than twice as much production time as strikes.

Government figures for all job-connected injuries and deaths place the time lost as nearly nine times that from strikes.

In 1960, the latest year for which these figures are available, work-connected injuries and deaths took a toll of 167 million man-days throughout the United States.

We can think of no more convincing argument for tighter safety laws, tougher union contract safety clauses, and enough government inspectors to enforce existing laws.

This is a good argument, too, for safety-conscious workers and bosses.

Strikes took fifteen one-hundredths of one per cent of all work time last year.

Nobody likes strikes. But maybe those anti-labor characters who are always blaming labor for them should spend some of their energy on a bigger problem, job safety.

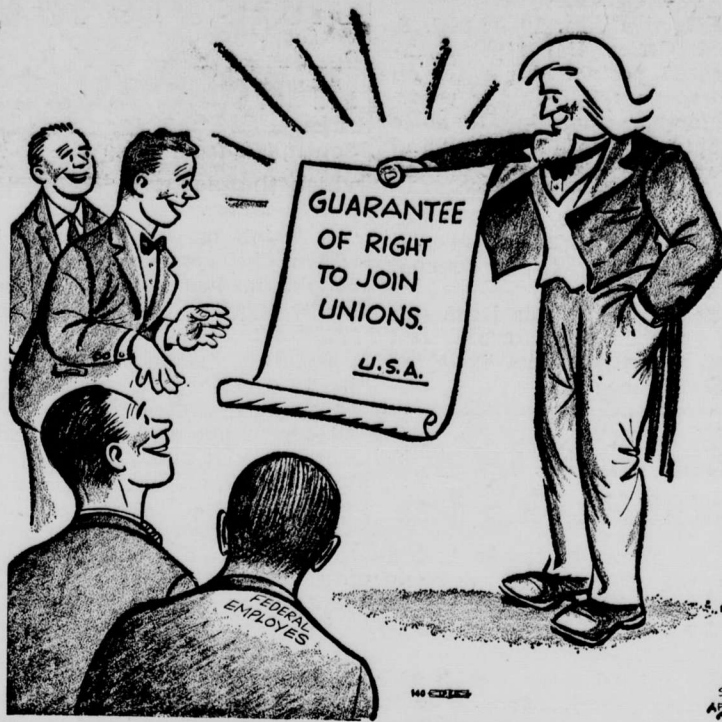
Rapid transit

Adrien J. Falk, a retired business executive who is president of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, made two important statements last week:

• A "small group of big business interests," he said, sabotaged rapid transit for San Mateo County.

• But this won't stop the district from putting a three or four-county plan on the November ballot.

Alameda County labor—which has officially recognized the pressing need for rapid transit—should feel thankful that a selfish, short-sighted minority hasn't blocked it for the rest of the Bay Area.



'KNOW THY NEIGHBOR'—UNIONIST VISITS MEXICO

By JOE HUSTLER

Well, the little woman and I were wondering where we would spend Christmas, and we kept putting off asking anyone in hopes that someone would ask us.

But time was passing, and we had to do something; we saw an ad in the paper which says "Go Now, Pay Later." So we decided to avoid the big decision and leave the country.

We decided on Mexico, as it is the closest and, therefore, the least expensive.

Also, I'd been hearing a lot about the Common Market and how a person could pick up some pretty cheap items, and, of course, my motives weren't only commercial.

There seemed a possibility that maybe I could get a grand job—something that always seems to elude me here at home. But on this score my hopes were soon squelched, in fact when I got my travel permit.

This also killed my thinking on the Common Market, where-in commodities are passed freely over borders. Labor also being a commodity, is liable to be transferred around in order to fill the belly, but not according to my travel permit.

Then I heard that there were some good investments to be made in Mexico, and I wanted to be prepared as I have bought some Irish Sweepstake tickets, and I'm not sure I won't be rich any day.

We arrived in Mexico, D. F., 2 a.m. Monday of Christmas week, and after a little shuteye, I began to look around because I suppose there, as here, the early bird gets the worm.

Buildings—I walked all around and never saw so many fine buildings, just strings of them, and I looked with pride at the U. S. Embassy—a 17-story glass beauty. We sure have the Russians beat to hell on that score.

These buildings were everywhere along what I later called the "Gringo Route," because it seemed to me that everytime I tried to buy something on the Gringo Route it was priced to almost pay for the price of the building.

For example, Old Crow was \$6.50 per bottle, Pall Mall Cigarettes, 48 cents per package. They said, "If you want to use that Gringo stuff, pay for it."

Gringos—When I found out for sure I couldn't work in Mexico, I began to be more critical, and on the side streets I never saw so many leaning buildings. It seemed like every building was a little off, and some of 'em looked dangerous to me.

But if enough Gringos keep going there, they'll probably get a lot of 'em rebuilt. They say

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the first of a series of articles by an Alameda County building trades unionist who returned recently from Mexico.

"Joe Hustler" is a pen name.

that 780,000 Gringos go there annually, and "Gringo plucking" is big business.

Besides, when I was there, they had big headlines in the papers—"Pesos stabilized at 12.50 per dollar. J.F.K. kicks through with \$75,000,000 to stabilize it." From that time on, I wasn't afraid to exchange a \$10 bill for a "Peso."

Cabs and Traffic—I never saw so many cabs in my life.

They say there are 17,000 in the city.

A word about cabbies: Here they haul you around and you pay for it. But in order for a Mexican to be a cabbie, he must be able to speak some Gringoesse, or he can't get in on the lush trade—being a guide, relating history, and, as everywhere else, a little guiding. In short, the poorly educated can't qualify.

None of the cabs have phones, and they just keep cruising on the Gringo Route trying to pick up fares.

Traffic—They go like hell and naturally they have a few traffic cops who are all tall men and wear a uniform like an Air Force colonel here. During Christmas week they had a day for everyone to give presents to the traffic police. Something like they used to have a special ball-players day here. I can't see much sense in that, as how would they know whom to favor if everyone gives them presents?

Police—The Boys in Blue in Blue in Mexico are not treated with such high esteem, and when you see one he doesn't even have a gun. But they are nice fellows, and they have only one policeman in Mexico, D. F., to 10 in a comparable American city, like Chicago.

Same difference

When you consider that Mr. Kennedy has to prove to the American right wing that he is not soft on communism, while Khrushchev has to prove to the Stalinist right wing that he is not soft on capitalism, you can understand why the negotiations over Berlin are difficult. — Drew Pearson, The Washington Merry-Go-Round.

Good question

How come Dick Nixon always seems to be EXPLAINING something? — Herb Caen in S. F. Chronicle.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
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'MOTHER BELL' ITEM HALF-TRUTH?

Editor, Labor Journal:

Your article on "Mother Bell" (Friday, Jan. 26, page 2, column 4) seems to be another "half-truth" like the ones you rightfully condemn in other parts of your paper.

Are telephone bill so high? How many stockholders share in the \$1.3 billion profit? What per cent return is this (per investment)?

Tell the whole story as you do in the rest of your fine publication. Thank you.

TOM H. NEWMAN,
Member, Hayward
Culinary 823

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PACKAGED BATH

Editor, Labor Journal:

"Bathroom Plumbing — All in a Package."

So states an article in the February issue of Sunset magazine.

It is something for management and labor in the industry to think about should its application become widespread. To condemn it publicly would add to its prestige. Someone in the industry will find a way to combat it, I hope.

Suggestions are in order.

A. DARRIMON,
Member, Plumbers 444

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LABOR'S CHALLENGE

Labor's great challenge today is to arouse the nation's workers against reactionary interests which are waging an intensive campaign to destroy the social gains of the people.

Following the communist pattern, right wing totalitarians have set up front organizations and "innocent" clubs. Like the communists, they form cells in community organizations. They seek to block those with liberal views from speaking to these groups.

Although vocally anti-communist, reactionaries actually aid the communist conspiracy with their opposition to progressive legislation, and by apeing the communists with smear tactics, name-calling and hate propaganda.

Labor unionists must marshal their talents and strength to block this dangerous fascist trend. — Congressman George M. Rhodes (D.-Pa.)

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2 QUESTIONS

First, there is the simple philosophy of merit employment. Are we going to fill our positions on the basis of merit?

The next question is, both in the unions — particularly the highly skilled craft unions — and among employers, are we actually and in good faith providing the opportunity for minority people to learn to improve their qualifications. — John Stuart Nearly, industrial relations counsel.

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HOME & ABROAD

Where we fight colonialism of the right and left abroad, we can do successfully only to the extent that we are willing to fight the "colonial powers" who rule over agricultural workers in the fertile valleys of California, and mock our cherished concepts of political and economic democracy. — Thomas L. Pitt, secretary treasurer, California Labor Federation.

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STEP ASIDE!

The people of this world want peace so badly, governments had better get out the way and give it to them. — Dwight D. Eisenhower.